President’s Weekly Briefing—November 7, 2012

COM Welcomes ACCJC/WASC Team Members
Please join me in welcoming the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges/Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC) team members: Chancellor of the Peralta Community College District and Team Chair Dr. Jose Ortiz, Dean of Research and Planning at Ohlone College Mr. Mike Bowman, and Interim Dean of Library Resources and Community Education at Allan Hancock College Ms. Nancy Meddings. The team will be on campus Wednesday, November 7, 2012, and Thursday, November 8, 2012, to review our progress towards addressing the Commission’s recommendations. Upon completion of the visit, the Team Chair will prepare a report that will be presented to the Commission at its meeting in January 2013.

I will brief the college community on the ACCJC/WASC visit Thursday, November 8, at 3 p.m. in the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge. Thanks again to all of you who contributed to the completion of our comprehensive Follow-up Report 2012, which is available online.

COM Citizens’ Oversight Committee Seeks Two Members
The College of Marin Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee is seeking applications for two new members, including an active member of a bona fide taxpayer’s association and a currently enrolled College of Marin student who is active in student government or other college organization. New members will be appointed by the College of Marin Board of Trustees at its January 2013 meeting.

Qualified candidates must submit an application in order to be considered. Applications are due December 20, 2012. Application information is available by calling the College of Marin Superintendent/President’s Office at (415) 485-9502.

In accordance with California Education Code 15278(b), the College of Marin Board of Trustees passed a resolution on December 14, 2004, establishing an independent citizens’ oversight committee. The committee is responsible for ensuring that College of Marin’s Measure C Bond revenues are expended appropriately. College of Marin’s Measure C Bond was passed by voters in 2004.
A number of major facilities projects have been completed or are underway nearing completion, including the Diamond Physical Education Center, Indian Valley Campus Transportation Technology Center, Indian Valley Campus Main Building, and the Kentfield Campus Fine Arts Building. The college recently broke ground on a new Child Study Center in Kentfield, and will soon break ground for a new Academic Center, also in Kentfield.

Please note that committee members cannot be employees, officials, vendors, consultants, or contractors of the College of Marin.

**Triple T Autobody Donates Water-base Automotive Paints**
The College of Marin Automotive Collision Repair Technology Program was the recipient of a generous donation of water-base automotive paints valued at $2,500 from Triple T Autobody and Paint of Novato. This contribution will aid our students enrolled in the program to learn the critical skills they need to become part of this industry. The college thanks Mr. Kenny Miller for his support.

**Renew Your Parking Permit**
Reminder: Staff parking permit renewals were due October 1. Renewal forms are located in the mailrooms of both campuses or from Campus Police. Call ext. 7455 for more information.

**Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG) Program**
College of Marin students continue to participate in the ever popular TAG (Transfer Admission Guarantee) program to seven University of California campuses (excluding Berkeley and Los Angeles). TAG has increasingly become a more common route towards gaining transfer admission. The Counseling Department provided TAG workshops and assisted 72 students in meeting the September 30 deadline. Online applications to participating UCs and CSUs for fall 2013 are due no later than November 30. Students should consult a counselor regarding their eligibility prior to submitting the online application. Personal statement and application workshops are posted online.

**Inky Fingers Holiday Print Sale**
The Inky Fingers Holiday Print Sale sponsored by the College of Marin printmakers association will be held on Wednesday, November 28, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building, studio 312. Etchings, relief prints, monotypes, and monoprints make wonderful holiday gifts. Come see the work produced in our printmaking classes and take home an original print. All proceeds benefit the college's printmaking program. For more information, contact Tron Bykle at (415) 485-9487.
The Mouse that Roared
By Christopher Sergel
Directed by Lisa Morse
Based on the book by Leonard Wibberley

November 29 Pay-What-You-Will Preview at 8 pm
November 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 8 pm
Matinees on December 9 and 16 at 2 pm
Studio Theatre, Kentfield Campus

The tiny Alpine Duchy of Grand Fenwick has a problem: Their world famous wine, only export and source of income, is being undersold by a winery in San Rafael, California. Never fear—the Grand Duchess has a solution—the army, a rag-tag band of medieval archers, will attack the United States. (After all, everyone knows that any country defeated in war by the U.S. ends up becoming very wealthy.) Only the unthinkable happens—the archers attack the U.S. ...and they win! Tickets are $20 for general admission; $15 seniors; $10 students, staff, and alumni.

College of Marin to Host Peer Summit
On Friday, November 9, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., College of Marin will once again host Peer Summit, where about 400 local middle school students along with counselors, teachers, administrators, parents, and Peer Summit Planning Committee members will convene on the Kentfield Campus. This is the 17th Annual Peer Summit (organized by Healthy Teens Marin Partners) featuring keynote speakers, wellness and life skills workshops led by young adults including ASCOM and student ambassadors, as well as local professionals. Adult allies will attend their own education workshop in the morning. Vice-President of Student Learning Rebecca Kenney will officially welcome the students and their adult allies to the campus as they begin their day. The opening and closing sessions will be held in Olney Hall with workshops taking place in Harlan Center and Business Center, followed by lunch in the cafeteria. The day will wrap up with an outdoor musical performance. Your cooperation and support of faculty and staff as we welcome these students to our campus community is greatly appreciated.

Cue Music…And Dance
The Dance Department presents their fall dance concert Cue Music…And Dance. Performances will be held Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Theatre, Kentfield Campus. Choreography is by the dance faculty with production design by e. “Ernie” Ernstrom.

Sandra Tanner’s Cherish delves into the choices and emotions that present themselves in a society where duty and expectation often trump matters of the heart. David Jones’ Shawty Get Loose promises to be stimulating, joyous, and playful. Just for Now, by Alan Scofield, depicts a man’s struggle to find direction where there is no clear choice as he follows his heart and keeps faith until the light appears. Deborah Graham’s iChAnGE, is a celebration of the centennial of the birth of John Cage, one of the most influential composers of the 20th century. This piece
features original music by Tara Flandreau inspired by Cage’s Radio Music from 1956. Unsquare Dance by David Jones is a tribute to Dave Brubeck’s famous original and captivating instrumental piece by the same title. Departure, by Alan Scofield, reveals the conflicted yet hopeful emotions of a group of people who are quietly waiting in a holding room, not knowing who will be allowed to travel on to a brand new life. Kristi Kuhn’s Encounters explores the similar interactions and reactions between humans and animals.

Guests from San Domenico School present 9/11, Dedicated to Those Lost on November 2 and 3, choreographed by Ellen Bauer. On November 9 and 10, guests from the Branson Dance Performance Ensemble, under the direction of Georgia Ortega, use sign language, text, and Zoe Keating’s haunting cello to present a work about racial injustice and discrimination in Three Little Words. They will also present Function, a fusion of hip-hop and contemporary movement expressed to the hits of summer 2012, as well as three solo works, developed, choreographed, and performed by the students.

Tickets are $15 for general admission; $10 for students, seniors, employees and alumni. Call the box office at (415) 485-9385.

**COM Office 2010 Migration**

**Upgrade Your Computer to Office 2010 and Attend a Workshop**

In accordance with the Technology Plan, the college is in the process of migrating faculty and staff office computers to Microsoft Office 2010. A number of employees upgraded their computers and attended training during the initial migration phase in June. Although Office 2010 is similar to Office 2007, many people benefit from attending training as some features have changed or moved.

A second series of workshops is scheduled for October and November. Now’s your chance to get Microsoft Office 2010 installed on your office computer and attend training to familiarize yourself with Office 2010 features in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. This workshop will also provide important information about saving and backing up your files on the network.

Workshops are open to all faculty and staff. This workshop meets Objective II.C.3 of the 2012-2017 Technology Plan.

**To Upgrade Your Computer to Office 2010:**
Submit a TechStream to IT requesting that Office 2010 be installed on your office computer.

**To Register for a “What’s New in Office 2010” Workshop:**
Email Kathleen Kirkpatrick with your choice of workshop date from the list below. Please put "Office 2010 Training" in your subject line and be sure to indicate the date you would like to attend.
Office 2010 Workshop Schedule:
All workshops will be held in BC 101 on the Kentfield Campus unless otherwise indicated. An additional workshop is tentatively scheduled for the January 10, 2013, Professional Development/Flex day. Exact time is to be determined. (Note: This is one workshop repeated several times to provide scheduling options.)

Friday, November 9
10 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, November 13
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, November 16
10 a.m. to noon

Indian Valley Campus
Wednesday, November 28
10 a.m. to noon Building 27, Room 125,

Hooked on Marin Speaker Series—Final Lecture
College of Marin along with Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM); the Tamalpais Union High School District; and the towns of Larkspur, San Anselmo, and Corte Madera are pleased to present the final lecture of this series of moderated discussions centered around the Marin County experience and influence. Marin’s own Terry McGovern will moderate this session.

Marin County Rock ‘n’ Roll Music History
Wednesday, November 28, 7 p.m.
Corte Madera Community Center Hall
498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera

Richie Unterberger leads a discussion featuring local individuals sharing their memories and experiences.

Admission is $15. Purchase tickets and get more information online.
Seasonal Flu Shots

Influenza (“flu”) is a contagious disease that can be spread by coughing, sneezing, and nasal secretions. For most people, the flu lasts only a few days and includes symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue. By getting vaccinated you can protect yourself from influenza and may also avoid spreading influenza to others. The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots for $20.

Flu shots will be available at the Kentfield Campus, Health Services Portable. Call (415) 485-9458 for an appointment. Shots will be offered through November while supplies last.

The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans. Anyone wishing to receive a shot must be 18 years of age or older. For more information call (415) 485-9458.

Have a great week,

David Wain Coon, EdD
Superintendent/President